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SUBJECT: NEWS ARTICLES

1. FOLLOWING IS REVIEW OF NEWS ARTICLES ON CARIBBEAN TRIP AND
OTHER EVENTS AUG. 14-15.

2. CARIBBEAN TRIP: TIME MAGAZINE AUG. 22 ISSUE IN STORY
"SPREADING THE CARTER GOSPEL" REPORTS ON U.S. OFFICIALS
TRAVELING IN LATIN AMERICA. YOUNG MISSION "CARRIED A HEAVY
LOAD OF POLITICAL EVANGELISM FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION--AND HE IN
TURN WAS GREETED LIKE AN OLD FRIEND WITH WARM ABRAZOS,"
TIME WROTE. CORRESPONDENT PREDERGAST REPORTED: "CARTER
COULD NOT HAVE PICKED A MORE EFFECTIVE EMISSARY FOR THE DI-
PLOMATIC TONESETTING JOB THAN YOUNG. HE FUNCTIONED AS
CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN A U.N. AMBASSADOR, TRAVELING VIRTUA-
LLY AS AN ALTERNATE SECRETARY OF STATE WITH A RETINUE OF
SPECIALISTS ON THE REGION FROM
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE U.N. MISSION. NO
SMALL PART OF HIS EFFECTIVENESS IS HIS OWN RECORD IN THE
CIVIL RIGHTS AND ANTI-VIET NAM WAR MOVEMENTS. WHETHER
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ARGUING THE MERITS OF NONVIOLENT SOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA OR ASSURING HIS LISTENERS THAT CARTER'S CONCERN
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS FOR REAL, YOUNG IS ABLE TO DRAW ON
THAT BACKGROUND TO SPEAK PERSUASIVELY AND AUTHORITATIVELY."...
NYTIMES TELTSCH) AUG. 15 REPORTED AMB. YOUNG ARRIVED IN
HAITI "WITH THE INTENTION OF IMPRESSING ON THE GOVERNMENT THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S CONCERN ABOUT ITS (HAITI'S)

HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD BUT PREPARED ALSO TO DISCUSS FURTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR HAITI, THE POOREST COUNTRY IN THE HEMISPHERE." ...ON SAME DAY, "REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK" FILED BY TELTSCH WRITES OF YOUNG ENTOURAGE, INCLUDING (PHOTO OF) COOKS, KRIENDLER, CIOFFI AND GUERRINI. DISPATCH ACCOMPANIED BY COOKS IN TENNIS GARB..WASH POST (GOSHKO) AUG. 15 HAS ARTICLE HEADLINED "YOUNG'S TEAM: FORMER REBELS ARE NOW U.S. DIPLOMATS." ARTICLE SAYS MOST OF BACKUP TEAM ON TOUR ARE "YOUNG PROFESSIONALS...BUT AT LEAST FOUR ARE AMONG THE MOST UNLIKELY DIPLOMATS EVER TO HIT THE ROAD ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT." STORY TEN FEATURES SAM BROWN, TYSON, COOKS, SHELTON...A.P. (LEDERER) AUG.14 REPORTED FROM SANTO DOMINGO THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER ANNOUNCED DURING MEETING WITH AMB. YOUNG THAT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOULD SIGN INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. A.P. AUG. 15 FROM PORT AU PRINCE QUOTED MARK SCHNEIDER AS SAYING AMBASSADOR WOULD SPEAK OUT AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HAITI...NYTIMES (TELTSCH) AUG. 14 REPORTED FROM PORT OF SPAIN: "AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT CARTER, ANDREW YOUNG HAS BEEN JETTING AROUND THE CARIBBEAN THIS WEEK LEADING A GOODWILL MISSION OF EXPERTS EAGER TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD." ARTICLE SAYS AMB. YOUNG IS TELLING GOVERNMENT LEADERS U.S. IS DEVELOPING CARIBBEAN POLICY IN WHICH U.S. WOULD BE "HELPFUL PARTNER BUT NOT A DOMINATING PRESENCE." UNCLASSIFIED

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3. SOUTHERN AFRICA: CS-MONITOR AUG. 15 REPORTED BRITAIN AND U.S. "LAUNCHING THEIR NEW PEACE PROPOSALS FOR RHODESIA AT TIME WHEN PARTIES INVOLVED IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONFLICT SEEM DISPOSED TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL COMPROMISE." DETAILS OF PLAN NOT YET DISCLOSED BUT, ARTICLE SAYS, SECRETARY VANCE TOLD NEWSMEN PLAN WOULD "FOCUS ON A CONSTITUTION WHICH, IT IS HOPED, WOULD BE BASIS FOR ONE-MAN ONE-VOTE MAJORITY RULE... BY END OF NEXT YEAR." ARTICLE REPORTED VANCE PLAN TO BRIEF PRESIDENT AND MEET WITH JOSHUA NKOMO, AND SAID "WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS" OWEN-YOUNG TRIP TO AFRICA EXPECTED. ...RAND DAILY MAIL AUG.15 ALSO REPORTED ON PEACE PROPOSAL FOR RHODESIA AND NOTED OWEN-YOUNG MISSION "LATER THIS MONTH".

4. OTHER ARTICLES. PRESIDENT CARTER IN ABC-TV NEWS INTERVIEW BROADCAST AUG.14 SAID AMB. YOUNG IS "INTELLIGENT, COURAGEOUS, ARTICULATE" AND THAT HE "ACCURATELY REPRESENTS THE POSITION THAT I AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHERS HAVE EVOLVED FOR OUR COUNTRY, AND IS BUILDING UP TRUST IN OUR COUNTRY AMONG NATIONS WHO DIDN'T TRUST US BEFORE." PRESIDENT ADDED: "HE IS A GREAT NATIONAL TREASURE, IN MY OPINION, AND HE HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE. I MIGHT SAY THERE HAS NEVER

BEEN ANY DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON BASIC ISSUES AMONG ANDREW
YOUNG, THE SECSTATE, THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OR
MYSELF." ...A.P. REPORTED AUG. 14 FROM JERUSALEM "ISRAEL
HAS RECEIVED PRIVATE ASSURANCES FROM U.S. THAT IT WILL
VETO ANY PROPOSED CHANGE IN U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE BASIS FOR MIDEAST PEACE TALKS, ISRAELI
SOURCES SAID SUNDAY." ...FROM MANAGUA, A.P. AUG. 14
REPORTED AMB. LOWENSTEIN WAS "BOOED AND HECKLED OFF A UNI-
VERSITY CAMPUS AS HE TRIED TO DELIVER A SPEECH ON HUMAN
RIGHTS." HECKLERS ACCUSED U.S. OF MISTREATING MIN-
ORITIES AND INTERFERING WITH NICARAGUAN POLITICS.
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